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WEATHER FORECAST

THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE WEATHER TONIGHT WILL BE GENERALLY FAIR; NOT SO

COLD IN SOUTHWEST PORTION: WAVE IN SOUTHEAST

WARMER IN EXTREME WEST

BROTHER OF MADERO EXECUTED

EX-PRESIDENT IS TAKEN TO ARSENAL

Francisco I. Madero Prisoner of General Diaz-Gustavo Madero Subjected to Notorious "Fugitive Law" Runs Gamut and Falls Dead **Under Guards Bullets**

MADERO'S DEATH LIST DISCUSSED

Crowds Bitter and Heavy Guard Took President and Brother to Arsenal-Election of Huerta as Provisional President Meeting Opposition been used in the streets since the out--Cabinet Will Include de la Barra

Mexico City, Feb. 19 .- Felix Diaz lished today and these enjoyed a phewent to the United States embassy nomenal sale, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning Destruction crisis to an end.

story of the events to Ambassador restored. The two chatted for some expressed their mutual pleasure in the conclusion of the bat-

The election by congress of General Huerta to the provisional presi-dency of Meico is regarded as practically certain. It is said that he will appoint Francisco de la Barra his ed in command of this squad. minister of foreign affairs and General Mondragon his minister of war. Mondragon was Diaz's chief lieutenant at the arsenal.

Provisional Cabinet.

The cabinet, it is believed, will be composed as follows, subject to the ratification of congress: Foreign minister, de la Barra.

War minister, General Mondragon Finance minister, Carlos de Cosio. Minister of fomente, Alberto Gil. Minister of interior, Alberto Gar cla. Granados

Minister of justice, Rodolfo Reyes. public instruction, Minister Jorge Vera Estanol.

Minister of communications, David de la Fuente.

Telegrams

To every governor throughout the isters were involved in the plot republic General Huerta today sent telegrams relating what had occurred. Ten days ago another telegram was sent to the same governors by Francisco Madero telling them the revolt had been suppressed, and that Felix Diaz was a fugitive.

All military commanders in Mexico have been asked by Huerts to invite all the rebel bodles in their districts to unite with them. The federal commanders will inform the rebels of the developments in the capitay and assure them that general elections will be held soon.

Reyes Still Alive.

The conclusion of hostilities in the Reyes, who was reported a suicide, is still alive. He was wounded during an action in the neighborhood of the palace and has since been a patient

in one of the Red Cross hospitals.

About 130 students of the military school at Tlalpam, who were indicated in the plot for the liberation of Diaz in prison and imprisoned by Madero, were released today by order of General Huerta.

Zapata Attitude a Problem. The attitude which Zapata, the rebel leader, will take toward the fered the services of 4,000 of his folagainst Diaz. It has been stated ap- the federals appeared today to parently on good authority that Pres- over. ident Madero had previously sent to

Zapata 100,000 pesos to come to his Huerta decided today to send to the sudden change in affairs by troops to Cuernava, in order to pre-

vent that city being occupied by Zapata. Thousands in Streets.

bly to work, but really to go sight erations. seeing about the city.

made every effort to resume their ac-

Phenomenal Sale of Papers

The Mexican Herald and El Universal were the only newspapers pub-rounded him and insisted that he joi

Destruction wrought by shells made formally to ratify the agreement with it impossible for a number of indus-General Huerta which brought the trial concerns to resume operations General Victoriano Huerta, after all posts must also be repaired before formal arrangements had been signed street car service can be resumed, and between him and Diaz, went to the American embassy and recounted the work before lighting facilities can be

Slaughter Must Cease

General Blanquet caused Madero's arrest after he had made a speech to nounced in many quarters since the the crowd in which he said that the first day of the Madero revolution as time had come when the slaughter an arch-politician and had been charg-must cease. He detailed 20 men to ed with being a false counsellor of the guard the president's private office in the palace. Colonel Riverol was plac-

new turn of affairs came when he walked into the hall of ambassadors One soldier, over-enthusiastic, dropped his rifle on a line with Madero's breast. Madero thrust the rifle aside and seized the soldler. In the struggle, the gun was discharged, but no one was filt.

Guards in Encounter.

The report brought Madero's personal guards to his assistance, but at six others wounded. Colonel Riverol also was mortally burt and died a all the remaining stores of ammuni-home short time afterward.

The capture of the members of the ance, and there appears excellent rea- peace was near. to believe that some of the min-

Madero Like Wild Animal

Francisco Madero, always of a ner yous disposition, appeared like a wild man at the moment of his arrest. He talked volubly about "traitors" nouncing bitterly those who brought about his downfail Later, however, he recovered his composure and as he stood between his guards he seemed to regard the affair more philosophically.

The president was permitted to choose whether he would send his resignation in the legal channel to congress or be expelled from the country. In the latter event be and his family wor? :- escorted to Vera Cruz and capital revealed today that Rudolfo placed on a vessel in the same way as was Porfirio Diaz a little more than a year ago.

> Mexico City, Feb. 19 -- Francisco Madero, forced from the presidency by the coup d'etat of two of his generals yesterday, is a prisoner today in he national palace.

> General Victoriano Huerta, who had been commanding the Madero forces against the rebel forces under General Felix Diaz, has been proclaimed pro visonal governor general of the repub-

General Aureliano Blanquet, who new regime, is problematical. According to a member of the Madero household. Zapata two days ago of these arrangements have been agreed. to by General Diaz and the ten days lowers to President Madero for use battle which he has been waging with

Popular Approval.

Throngs of men, women and children seemingly gave popular approval crowding the big square in front the national palace and deliriously shouting "Viva" for the three princi-

The shutters came down from business buildings, which had not been opened for ten days, and shopkeepers order. Marco Hernandez, a brother of the minister of the interior, Manuel rebels when he refused to cry, "Viva per El Pais. A demonstrative crowd sur-Huerta.

the palace from that where Madero may be extended. was confined. Each man was under Events Me

The ministers of the cabinet were given paroles over night. Senor Juan Sanchez Azcona, private secretary to Madero, fled in an automobile. The fled in an automobile. deposed president will be treated with all consideration by those who have him within their power, it is declared

personal safety of her hus band and declaring that he would be

break of the Diaz mutiny must come to an end, which led a group of senators last night to urge General Huerta to the stroke that would not only terminate the terrible conflict, but at the same time remove the Madero family from public affairs in Mexico.

By 2 o'clock yesterday Francisco Madero and his cabinet, with the exception of Ernesto Madero, minister of finance, had been made prisoners. Ernesto Madero escaped a few minutes before General Blanquet's men took the others prisoner in the national palace. Gustavo Madero, another brother of President Madero. also was arrested. an arch-politician and had been charg-

The president's information of the eral commissioners, who were not in were added to the list of prisoners.

Diaz and his followers. The news soon permeated the rebel lines and

dered to sound the "cease fire."

the church bells of the city rang out plan secondary only to that of General This had been ordered by a message Huerta

from the national palace.

government under General Huerta had vent to their joy and relief.

those of the partisans of a victorious army, but of people whose nerves had been worn to tatters by enforced participation in a long and desperate battle in the confined space of a great

American residents congregated

as the Latin-Americans. In diplomatic circles, where the ten

Along the streets and in the

There was practically no disorder except one notable case of direct venpals and Manuel Mondragon, who had geance. This was the burning of the Thousands came out today ostensi-been conducting the Diaz military op-building and plant of the Nueva Era, the organ of President Madero. This Scenes of Disorder.

The demonstrations of the night, the anti-government element, which utilized the opportunity of paying off in kind the vandalism of the followers

dealing with the situation. Officials ly inevitable. Mexicans of

For the present the attitude of the neither side gaining any apparent adstate department will be one of keen vantage observation and non-interference Spec

Steps of Grave Importance. Steps of graver importance remain dero, General Huerta declared that he be taken in the Mexican capital be-would deliver the position to anybody are the Diaz revolution can be uc-who was legally named. It is underbassador Wilson and other members will be called at an early date to senow on peace and prosperity will of the diplomatic body of the Mexican lect a successor to Madero. capital, will recognize General Huerta In the meantime Huerta has assum-as the de facto leader of the tempo ed the post of governor general and

the shoulding but he defiantly re-lied "Viva Madero." that foreign representatives may prop-the was answered by the pistols of erly look after the interests of their trict. the rurales.

Another instance of disorder was action must be determined by the determined and without the knowledge the firing of a building occupied by the Nueva Era, an organ of the Ma-

is expected. While military and naval prepara-Mexican waters or nearby points, such as Guantanamo, have been relaxed, ufficient data has been gathered by he strategists of the war and navy departments to afford material for an

eminently satisfactory, showing a marked increase in the ability of the land forces, as compared with conditions existing as recently as two years

ter Madero had been taken prisoner Great curiosity had been aroused by unusual activity in the national pal ace, and the arrival there of General Huerta with Gustavo Madero, a

eral Huerta saw that the populace was being held back by a line of soldlers he gave orders to let them enter. The

Huerta Outlines Situation. General Huerta then made a short Diaz Celebrates.

The plan had originally been made of his action. He assured his hearers without the knowledge of General that peace would soon be established

The people had expected to hear then began a holiday fusillade from General Huerta announce the vistory the machine guns and rifles, such as of the government forces or that Diaz had not been heard since the opening had surrendered. Many of them stood of hostilities. It appeared for a time for a moment stupified by the statethe conclusion of the brief encounter as if every machine gun and every ri-two of the guards had been killed and fle in the arsenal had been brought broke into a cheer which reached the into action in an effort to fire away ears of Madero in his temporary

> The awful din was permitted by the sympathy with the idea of an artillery commanders to continue for twenty duel within the limits of a populous minutes before the buglers were or city. He was also moved by the fact that he had a son in the ranks of the rebels. It was arranged that Blanquet should play a role in the peace

The force of 1,000 men belonging to Bianquet's command was moved in ernment Colonel Vasquez continued. palace. dents of the capital had begun to give serve troops which had been there many weeks and whose loyalty to Ma-

the crowd.

ion in Mexico, brought about by the well arranged plot of the federal miltary leaders has been received in the capital with general acclamations. It

palace, tens of thousands of people ger from the United States embassy, matters seriously. Vasquez Gomez banners on which was printed the one the fire of the rebel lines to the arse-

sounded everywhere throughout the one side and the Stars and Stripes on say, will stand better chances of be The soldiers who a few hours before had been on the firing lines, were posted as sentinels on the street corners, taking the place of the police who had not been on duty for ten days. Act of Vengeance.

There was practically no disorder

Tremendous Ovation.

with the Stars and Stripes flying in the Diaz popularity. the wind

ion remains one of great caution in tion by the United States as practical calize that any outward exhibition at combatant class suffered divided emo this stage, either of condolence for the tions of hope and fear. Thousands, fallen Madero regime or satisfaction although deploring intervention by in the accession of power of the new any power, had come to the conclumilitary party, might be quickly re- slon that the good offices of any na sented by the Mexican people and do tion were preferable to the wanton much to prejudice the status of Am- destruction of property and awful loss of life which had been occurring, with

Special Election to Be Called.

After the arrest of President Mafore the Diaz revolution can be accepted as completely successful. Amestood that special general elections ment, the forces are with me and from

dero organization.

Vice President Pino Suarez, who ment and its ability to bring peace was also arrested, was held prisoner out of the permanence of the new government and its ability to bring peace said he was not fighting for personal ambition, but merely for the removal

Events Move Rapidly.

Events are moving so rapidly in the It was very late at night before the Mexican capital, however, that it is final peace papers were signed by

The first official act of General Two factors that must be taken into Huerta in his new capacity was to account are the probable course of send notification to the American ambassador as to what had been The note asked Ambassador the north and the Zapata recent to the south, for if the leaders of these wilson to advise President Taft and movements, as threatened, hold out the members of the diplomatic corps against the new Huerta regime. and the battle had been closed, thus

permit his office to be used as a channel for negotiations with the rebels in order to bring about a com-Ambassador understanding. Wilson replied by agreeing to act as intermediary and an exchange of notes was begun which terminated in

a complete accord. The formal transfer of troops the rebel zone took place early this morning. In the meanwhile the government lines had been removed and denied that it had issued any orders ent structure occupied by that firm the heavy cannon dragged back to in any way setting aside the original in the financial district. The estimatheadquarters.

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GEN. HUERTA NOT POPULAR

crowd poured through the wide doors in a solid stream until the courtyard Northern Rebels Doubt His Ability to Handle Situation

El Paso, Feb. 19 - While rejoicing at the overthrow of Madero, rebel agents here and Diaz sympathizers among the Mexican army officers at Juarez express doubt of the ability of General Huerta to handle the situ ation. Doubt was expressed over pres-dispatches saying that General Diahad accepted the Huerta claim to the

provisional presidency.

Huerta is not popular in northern Mexico, his administration as com mander of the northern military zone having resulted in much ill feeling

among officers and civilians. Rebels Will Sustain "We will sustain the existing gov-

Vasquez, commander at Juarez, when asked today regarding his position Speaking as well for General Antonio Rabago from whom he had received notice of the change of national gov sustain the acknowledged govern-

ment. All is quiet in the north and believe will remain so. The army is bound to sustain whatever president is named, be it Francisco Villa, Inez Salazar or any other bandit." He made no direct reference to Gen-

eral Huerta. Trouble at Juarez Expected However, trouble at Juarez and oth-er points in the state still is threat-

ened by the volunteer troops. officers, many of them former insurrecto leaders under Madero, are expressing their faith in the ouster president. Nearly half of the 1,000 pied. troops at Juarez are volunteers.

It is pointed out by rebel agents here that the claim to the provisional presidency of Emilio Vasquez Comez volt against Madero, will complicate matters seriously. Vasquez Gomez nized commander of the northern reword, "Peace."

Shouts of "Hurrah for Huerta," sent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane Willey Henry Lane Willoutsonists. In view of Huerta's unsent by Ambassador Henry Lane William Henry Lane William Henry Lane William H for Mondragon, an automobile bearing a white flag on els, the Vasquez Gomez program, they ing accepted by Salazar, in the north

But the naming of General Huerta without any representation from the Through an immense mass of hu-manity the big automobile picked its northern and southern rebels is unway slowly amid deafening applause, expected and not reckoned to increase

PRESIDENT NOTIFIED

Governor General Makes Official Announcement

Feb. 19 President Taft today received the following tel-egram from Victoriana Huerta, Mexi-Washington. o's provisional governor general; "I have the honor to inform you that I have overthrown the govern

> VICTORIANA HUERTA "Commander-in-Chief."

halt the movement already begun

Gathered under the avowed declara-tion that they were to be mobilized for practice with the Atlantic fleet at Guantanamo, Cuba, 2000 marines will be sent to that port as originally or-

WILSON APPROVES INAUGURAL PLANS

Washington. met with his approval.

tee that neither Mr. Wilson or himself had any changes to suggest.

EXPLOSION

Home of Lloyd George Split in All Directions Rome. By Infernal Machine

"We will sustain the existing government," declared Colonel Juan N try residence in course of construc-David Lloyd George at Walton Heath

near London The infernal machine was so pow erful that the thick walls of the house split in all directions and most of the

Two seven-pound cans of black powder also had been placed in two separate rooms among heaps of wood shavings, which had been saturated with oil and in the center of which burning candles had been fixed.

The only clues obtained by the po-It is declared by neighbors that an

Nobody was injured by the explo-The house was not yet occu-

FALLS DEAD

Spanish War Veteran Drops on Deck of Revenue Cutter Hudson BEAT MAN enue Cutter Hudson

New York, Feb. 19.-Unscathed by the Spanish bullets which flew about in the rescue of the torpedo boat, Winslow, in the harbor of Cardenas ifteen years ago, Gustavus Anderson fell dead of heart trouble on the deck Cardenas in the Spanish-American war and pulled out the torpedo boat Winslow, after she had been disabled by Spanish shot and Ensign Bagley her executive officer, had been killed. Anderson was complimented by congress for his bravery, for he stood

fearlessly at a machine gun, returning the fire of the Spaniards as the Hud- death by drunken Indians last month, son crept into the harbor.

TODAY IN **CONGRESS**

Washington, Feb. 19.-Senate Resumed debate on District of Co-umbia appropriation bill.

\$71,000 to Americans injured by firing

Interstate commerce committee voted to favorably report bill for physical valuation of interstate railroads

Resumed debate on civil appropria

Immigration bill was taken up for passage over President Taft's veto Secretary MacVeagh testified fore treasury department committee that \$35,000,000 above current liabilities was practical working balance

MORGAN CO. PLANS BANK

Finest Banking House in World to Replace Old Structure

New York, Feb. 19 .- Plans for the finest banking house in the world," according to the announcement of the dered, unless there is good reason for architects, have been approved by J their recall. The navy department P. Morgan & Co. to replace the pres architects, have been approved by J. d cost of the new building is between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, and this add ed to the value of the plot upon which it will be built-about \$4,000,000 - will make it one of the most valuable pieces of property in the city.

The new building will be severely plain, only four stories high and conshington, Feb. 18.—President structed of Tennessee marble. The Woodrow Wilson, through his three top floors will be suspended department will occupy the first floor Colonel Birch informed the commit- and will contain 15,000 square feet of floor space, the greatest of any pri-vate banking firm in the world, without a pillar or post. Besides the private office rooms on the upper floors there will be private sleeping rooms and bath rooms, and on a level with the top floor a terrace for the recreation of members of the firm. Work on the building will start May 1.

MORGAN IMPROVING.

London, Feb. 19 .- J. P. Morgan, according to a dispatch from Cairo, went out driving today. He is recovering from an attack of indigestion. His granddaughter has left Europe or

APPROVED

Placing of 500 College Men Aboard Warships Meets With Favor

Washington, Feb. 19 .- Hearty aplice are two broken hat pins which proval of the plan to place college were found among the wreckage. United States during the summer vaautomobile containing several wom-en passed through the village in the ceived by the navy department today from President Lowell of Harvard and President Hadley of Yale. While the department has not formally approved the scheme, it has been indorsed by Captain Charles C. Marsh, in charge of naval militia affairs. Captain college students on board the vessels would create an interest in the navy that would be invaluable and also would bring to the service many men who would be available in case of war. He plans, with the consent of the secretary of the navy, to try the experiment with at least 500 collegians this coming summer.

TO DEATH

Drunken Indians Kill Wood Dealer and Miner Below Fort Yukon

Fairbanks, Alaska, Feb. 19.-Victor Ekengren, a wood dealer, and miner, residing 100 miles below Fort Yukon said to have had wealthy relatives in Worcester, Mass., was beaten to according to Archdeacon Stuck, an Episcopal missionary, who arrived here yesterday from Fort Yukon The Indians demanded liquor. When the white men refused he was attacked.

Archdeacon Stuck said this was the first attack by Indians on a white man during his nine years' mission-

ary work in Alaska FIRE DESTROYS NEBRASKA TOWN

Hartwell, Neb., Feb. 19.-Fire that started shortly after midnight last night damaged or destroyed practically all the business houses here, with a loss estimated at \$40,000 to \$50,000.

"yes, we welcome the they need. children, for they are the buyers

The Child and the Store

of the future" There are in all stores certain seasons of the year which are spe- of their lives, while the growncially devoted to children and their interests. In some stores regular children's

days are celebrated, the store is

given over to their entertainment

and a sale particularly of their

"Children!" exclaims the store- are given on many of the things

Some merchants even provide special play rooms for the children, where they can hae the time

ups shop. Watch the advertisements in the STANDARD closely and constant-ly every day. Then you will find the best news about children's wearables. All the merchants who advertise in the STANDARD are Other merchants make Saturday cager to have your children start children's day, and special prices shopping at their stores. dero organization.

guard of two soldiers. Cabinet Ministers Paroled.

Message to Mrs. Madero. General Huerta promptly dispatched message to Mrs. Madero, assuring

well treated was the determination that the attle in which heavy artillery had

Were Made Prisoners. He had been de

president. A few hours later General Delgado and General Angeles, two of the fedaccord with General Huerta's plan,

It was, however, merely a celebra cabinet was effected without resist tion of the arrival of the news that

Church Bells Ring.
As the noise of the guns died away

It did not take the public long to realize what had occurred. Long be- from its position near the British cemfore the details of the provisional etery and stationed near the national been completely worked out, the resi- force was intended to replace the re-

The shouts that went up were not dero was unquestioned.

Americans Shout With Mexicans. the district about the United States is not known, however, how the rest embassy were just as demonstrative of the country will receive the change.

sion also had been great, the solution was greeted heartly. open square in front of the national

"Hurrah

of Madero who during the previous revoit burned the plant of the newspaper El Pais. Hernandez, was killed in the street by volt burned the plant of the newspa-

ericans in Mexico.

during the night in another part of in Mexico before political recognition of Madero. expected such recognition soon can both parties. be extended.

> the Orozco-Salazar revolutionists in ambai the north and the Zapata rebellion in done. other period of disorder and suspense

interesting study of the new scheme of brigade organization of the army. It is believed the results have been

The celebration of peace by the populace really began a few minutes af

brother of the president. Hundreds at Palace Hundreds of people gathered around the doors of the building. When Gen-

The news throughout the republic-

Plot Takes Definite Form The plot to overthrow Madero took definite form about noon yesterday General Blanquet never had been in

was explained that this

General Blanquet caused Madero's arrest after he had made a speech to The fall of the Madero administra-

Great Tribute to American Flag. The part played by the United States embassy in the ten days' balle gained for the American flag such a tribute as never before was wit-nessed in Mexico. After the messen-volt against Madero, will complicate nal conveying the message of peace

Group after group of the people on

Although the tension has been re-laxed the attitude of the administra-tion remains one of great continuous. Mexico City had regarded interven-

News of Huerta's coup was sent to Preparations For Emergencies in Mexico Not Relaxed By U. S.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Although its plans remained set for action in case of emergency, the United States toolernight news from Mexico City, ing about the abdication of President ending the danger to the lives and of the civil war that has swept the interests of foreigners. ualities, however, was not relaxed. It was recognized that readjustment in and no orders were issued that would

personal aide, Thomas H. Birch, today from great trusses just below the roof sent word to the inaugural committee instead of resting on pillars as in orthat the plans for his inauguration dinary buildings.

London, Feb. 19.—An explosion SCHEME IS

coms were wrecked.

BOATSWAIN

of the revenue cutter, Hudson, day. He was boatswain of the Hudson when she went into the harbor of

Mexican Provisional been in the revenue cutter service.

Passed bill authorizing payment of The town is without fire protection.